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SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT

TOPIC: Military Information from Gotha, Wandersleben and Jena

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REMARKS:

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1. In the afternoon of 1 September 1951, a troop train of 13 cars carrying troops and trucks [redacted] stood at the Gotha (M 51/J 06) railroad station. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Weischlitz is located about 5 km southwest of Plauen. Soldiers observed on the train wore crimson epaulets. *

2. About half an hour later on the same day, a train heading west passed through the Wandersleben railroad station, about 12 km southwest of Erfurt (M 51/J 36). [redacted] 50X1-HUM

The train carried long-barreled AT guns of more than 100-mm with missile brakes and several rocket launchers [redacted] 50X1-HUM

and prime movers [redacted] which are believed to have belonged to the AT guns. Soldiers observed with the artillery pieces were red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. ** 50X1-HUM

3. On 5 September, the barracks installation in Jena-Loebstedt (M 51/J 66) was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Trucks [redacted] were parked in the barracks yard. 50X1-HUM

4. Trucks [redacted] occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, were at the Sacke Railroad Station in Jena on 8 September. *** 50X1-HUM

- * Comment. [redacted] the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, was seen observed in Plauen and is believed to be assigned primarily to the division of the 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt which is in Plauen. This supposition is supported by the fact that soldiers observed wore crimson epaulets. 50X1-HUM

[redacted] Since no engineer vehicles or equipment were on the train.

- ** Comment. [redacted] The rocket launchers belong to the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in Leipzig-Schoenau.

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REF. [] Comment. The trucks observed in Jena-Loebstedt belong to the XXVIII
Gds Pz Rifle Corps, to headquarters units of the Eighth Gds Army, and to
the MCB. Those seen at the Saale Railroad Station belong to the 20th
Gds Mec Div in Jena, probably to a divisional tank unit and the AAA
Battalion.

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